

REMARKS

Claims 22 to 42 are now pending.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge acceptance of the drawings in the next Office communication, and also acknowledge that certified copies of the priority documents have been received in the National Stage from the International Bureau.

With respect to paragraph two (2) of the Office Action, claims 22 to 42 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1 to 21 of commonly owned U.S. Patent No. 6,583,898.

While the rejections may not be agreed with, to facilitate matters, a Terminal Disclaimer accompanies this response, and it is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections as to claims 22 to 42 be withdrawn.

With respect to paragraph four (4), claims 22 to 42 were rejected under the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as indefinite.

As to claims 22, 24, 35 and 36 were asserted to be indefinite as to the "first type, the second type and the third type. While the rejections may not be agreed with, to facilitate matters, the claims have been rewritten, so that the claims are plainly definite and therefore allowable, as are there respective dependent claims. It is therefore respectfully requested that the indefiniteness rejections be withdrawn.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of claims 22 to 42 are allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the rejections have been obviated, and that claims 22 to 42 are allowable. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn, and that the present application issue as early as possible.

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